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# THE DECLARATION OR RESOLUTION

Of the Officers in the Countie of

# ESSEX,

(According to their Proteſtation) to the Earle of *Warwick*, Lord Lieutenant of that Countie.

WITH,

The Approbation of both Houſes concerning the ſame.

ALSO,

The Lord *Willoughby* of *Parham* his Letter, to an Honourable Member of the Houſe of Parliament.

His Majeſties Letter to the Lord *Willoughby* of *Parham*.

The Lord *Willoughby* of *Parham* his Letter, in Anſwer to His Majeſtie.

WITH

The *Meſſage* of the *Lords* to the *Houſe of Commons* upon the ſaid Letters.

As alſo,

The Lord of *Warwicks* Letter to his Brother the Earle of *Holland*.

*Ordered by the Lords in Parliament, That theſe ſeverall Letters and Reſolutions ſhalbe forthwith publiſhed and printed.* J. Brown Cler. Parl.

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*My Lord,*

I Received a Letter from your Lordſhip, in which the Houſe is pleaſed to do me a very great Honour, farre above any deſert of mine, and little expected by me: for my Lord, I well know my obedience ties me to fulfill their Commands, and in that I have done, I have done but my duty, and that which every honeſt man ought to do, and oweth of right to the Parliament; and whoſoever hath that principle in him, it wil dictate to him as much, and keep him from other by-wayes: And for my own part, my heart ever was, and ſhall ever be both forward and ready to obey their Lordſhips Commands in all things, both with integrity and induſtry, and Gods curſe light upon him and his, that carries any other heart about him. My Lord, it is too mean a way for me to expreſſe my acknowledgement in paper to the Houſe, for this high favour which I have received by your Lordſhips Letter. I hope to make it appear by my actions, that their Lordſhips ſhall ſee, I am not an ungratefull ſervant. It is a great encouragement to theſe parts, their Lordſhips Reſolutions in giving their Commands to have the reſt of the *Militia* put in preſent execution; and truly, my Lord, it was out of that regard that I did intimate it to my Lord of *Eſſex*, as holding it a thing much conducing it to the publike good, and the only remedy to cure theſe diſtractions which the Kingdom is in, not out of any regard to my ſelf; for I know if I ſuffer in executing their Lordſhips commands, it muſt be againſt their wills, and when that day comes, I will not give a ſtraw for all I have were I but a looker on. My Lord, as I was this day at *Lincoln*, where I appointed to begin to Muſter, there came a Meſſenger from His Majeſty, with this Letter, which I held it my duty to acquaint the Houſe with, and likewiſe my anſwer, and am for *Lincoln*, where, as in all other places, I ſhall be ready to ſerve your Lordſhip.

*As your moſt humble Servant,*

F. WILLOVGHBY.

MY *Lord*, ere my letter was ſealed up, I could not but give your Lordſhip an accompt, in how good a Poſture I found the Trained Band of *Lincoln*, which was far beyond my expectation, conſidering the unhappineſſe in the ſickneſſe, being diſperſed in the Town, which hindred the appearance of ſome; But truly my Lord that was fully ſupplied by a Company of Voluntiers, equall in number and goodneſſe of Arms to the Trained Bands.

*Lincoln 6. June. 1642.*

Charles

CHARLES REX,

RIght trusty and welbeloved, We grẽt you well. Whereas We understand, That you have begun to assemble, Train, and Muster the Trained-Bands of our County of *Lincoln*, under a pretence of an Ordinance of Parliament, whereto We have not given Our consent; Which is not only contrary to Law, but to Our Command and Pleasure, signified by Our Proclamation sent to the high Sheriffe of that Our County: Wherefore, that you may not hereafter plead ignorence of such Our Prohibition; We do, by these Our Letters, Command, and charge you, upon your Allegiance, to desist and forbear to Raise, Muster, Train, Exercise, or Assemble together any part of the Trained Bands of that Our County, either by your self, or by any others imployed under you, or by Warrant from you. And because you may, for what you have already done, concerning the Militia of that Our County, plead, that you had not so particular a Command, We shal passe by what we have already done therein, So as presently upon your receipt hereof, you shall desist and give over medling any further with any thing belonging to the Militia of that Our County: But if you shall not presently desist, and forbear medling therewith, We are resolved to call you to a strict accompt for your Disobedience therein, after so many particular and legall Commands given you, upon your Allegiance to the contrary, and shall esteem and proceed against you as a disturber of the peace of Our Kingdome.

Given at Our Court at *York*, the fourth of *June*.

1642.

To Our right trusty and welbeloved the Lord *Willoughby* of *Parham*.

SIR,

AS there can be nothing of greater unhappineſſe to me, then to receive a Command from Your Majeſtie, whereunto my endeavours cannot give ſo ready an obedience as my affections; ſo I muſt confeſſe the difficulty at this time not a little, how to expreſſe that duty I owe to Your Majeſties late Commands, and not falſifie that Truſt repoſed in me by Your high Court of Parliament, through whoſe particular directions I am now come into this County to ſettle the *Militia*, according to the Ordinance of Parliament, which by the Votes of my *Lord Littleton* and others in the Houſe of Peers, better verſed in the laws then my ſelf, paſſed as a legall thing; and hath ſince been confirmed (if I miſtake not) by this example, and your Majeſties Chief Juſtice, Sir *John Banks*, both in accepting their Ordinance and nominating their Deputy-Lieutenants: how much farther they proceeded, I know not.

But Sir, if the opinions of thoſe great lawyers drew me into an act unſuitable to Your Majeſties liking; I hope the want of yeers will excuſe my want of judgement. And ſince the Command of the Parliament, I am now ſo farre ingaged in their ſervice as the ſending out Warrants to ſummon the County to meet me this day at *Lincoln*, and afterwards in other places: I do moſt humbly beſeech your Maieſtie not to impoſe that Command on me, which muſt needs render me falſe to thoſe that relye on me, and ſo make me more unhappier then any other miſerie can fall upon me.

Theſe things, Sir, I once more humbly beſeech Your Maieſtie, may be taken into Your gracious Conſideration, and that you would never be pleaſed to harbour any miſconceit of me, or of this action, ſince nothing hath yet paſſed by my Commands here, or ever ſhall; but what ſhall tend to the honour and ſafetie of Your Maieſties Perſon, to the preſervation of the peace of Your Kingdom and to the content (I hope) of all Your Maieſties Subiects in theſe parts; amongſt which I remain

YOVR MAJESTIES

*Moſt humble and moſt dutifull*

*SVBIECT*

and

*SERVANT*

F. WILLOUGHBY.

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## The Message of the Lords to the House of Commons, upon the Lord Willoughby of Parham, his Letter and service in the execution of the Ordinance, concerning *the MILITIA.*

THe Lords have thought fit to let you know, how much they value and approve the endeavours of this *Lord*, in a service so much importing the safety of this Kingdome; and they doubt not of your readinesse to concurre with them, upon all occasions to manifest the sence they have, and shall retaine of his deservings, which appeares the greater, by how much the difficulties (by whose circumstances you have heard read) have been greater. And as my *Lords* resolve to make his interest their owne, in this service, for the publike good, and safety of this Kingdome, so they desire you to joyne with them, in so good and necessary a worke.

Resolved by the House of Commons to joyn with the *Lords* in this Vote, and doe make the like resolution for the Deputy *Lieutenants* for the County of *Lincoln*, and desire the *Lords* concurrence therein.

Ordered by the lords in Parliament, That they agree with the House of Commons, for the resolution concerning the Deputy-lieutenants of the County of *Lincolne*.

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## To my Noble Brother the Earle of *Holland.*

*Brother*,

IN obedience to the Order of both Houses of Parliament, I this day repaired to *Burntwood*, where about one fourth part of the Trained Bands of *Essex*, were appointed to meet, for putting of the Ordinance for the Militia of this County in execution. I saw five Companies drawne out, being of the ordinary Trained Bands, and all that were designed to this place, whose numbers I found full, and their Armies compleat.

For though about threescore Armes had bin formerly taken out of each company for the late service about *Scotland*, yet a full supply was made by Volunteers, and one of the said five Companies (being under the conduct of Sir *William Mashams* sonne) was double to the usuall List. A sixth Company was drawne out, which consisted of neere 500. able men, who came as Volunteers under the command of Sir *Thomas Barringtons* younger sonne. I caused the Declaration of both Houses made for their indemnity, to be read at the head of each Company. And required the Captaines, Officers, and Souldiers to be obedient to such directions as should be conveyed to them from mee, or my Deputy Lieutenants, according to the said Ordinance for the service of his Majesty and the Parliament, in defence of the Kingdome. To which they did unanimously manifest a resolution and respect, and a cheerefull readinesse, therein to spend their lives and fortunes. Hereof I thought fit to give your Lordship this briefe accompt, praying you to communicate the same to their Lordships, I having desired my Deputy Lieutenants to doe the same to the House of Commons. I have this day received a Petition from the Captaines and Lieutenants of the severall companies here assembled, in the name of all the persons belonging to the said Trayned Bands, and with their full consent expressed upon the reading or it, by their generall acclamations, and applause, in their severall Companies, whereof I send your Lordship a Copie here inclosed. And so desiring from God a blessing upon all your Counsells, I rest,

*Your Lordships affectionate Brother,*

*Burntwood, the 7. of June, 1642.*

*WARWICK.*

## To the Right Honorrable *Robert*, Earle of *Warwick*, Lord Lieutenant of the County of *Essex*: and to the Right Worshipfull and Worthy Gentlemen, the Deputy Lieutenants of the same County, *confided in by the most Honorable, the High Court of Parliament.*

WE the Captaines and Lieutenants with the full consent of Trained Bands and Volunteers of the said County now assembled, having before the accesse of this present Parliament seene our Religion, our Lawes, our Liberties and Estates brought to the brink of ruine and subversion by the results of most desperate and wicked counsels, could not but with exceeding joy behold the assembling and continuance of so great and faithfull a Councell (the representative body of this Kingdome)

dome) and with moſt certaine confidence commit thereto all that wa deere unto us.

And having alſo ſeen the late helliſh deſignes and actings of a Malignant party of this Kingdome, and the bloody rebellion in *Ireland*, all working to retard the progreſſe, or ſubvert the being of this worthy Parliament, and therein to bereave us of all our hopes of Reformation, or future peace or happineſſe to this Church or Kingdome, We cannot but aſcribe all glory and praiſe unto the Lord of Lords, and expreſſe moſt hearty thankfulneſſe unto his bleſſed inſtruments that great aſſembly, for their undaunted Reſolutions, unparalleld endeavours, and happy proceedings for the common good. And herein (as not the leaſt meanes of our ſafety) for the moſt neceſſary and ſeaſonable Ordinance of theirs touching the ordering of the Militia, whereby wee are put under the command and guidance of ſo Noble a Lord, and ſuch worthy Gentlemen, whereunto Wee humbly deſire this preſent day and meeting may be an Evidence and pledge of our free and willing obedience.

And having entruſted our Religion, our Lawes, and all into the hands of that great and moſt faithfull Councel the Parliament, whoſe care and fidelity we have ſo abundantly found, wee even bleed to ſee the heart and actions of our Royall King (contrary to his owne Royall expreſſions) declining from the Councels of his Parliament, and carryed after other Counſels, whom, as the *Lawes* and Conſtitutions of this land have not knowne, nor repoſed upon: ſo wee (for our owne parts) neither will nor dare intruſt with our Religion or *Lawes*. And whom wee verily beleeve, could they prevaile againſt that higheſt Court (under God our chiefeſt Bulwarke and defence) would ſoone deprive us both of Religion and law, and (notwithſtanding all their ſpecious pretences) reduce us to a condition no leſſe miſerable then ſlaviſh.

From the deepe apprehenſions of all which we doe freely and heartily promiſe and tender our perſons and eſtates to aſſiſt and defend (to the uttermoſt) the high Court of Parliament now aſſembled, the Members, power, and priviledges thereof, and therein his Majeſties perſon, and Authority, and the *Kingdomes* peace, (according to our late Proteſtation) againſt all contrary counſels, power, and force of Armes whatſoever, which ſhall be reard up, or attempted againſt them.

And this our humble acknowledgement and reſolution (which wee doubt not will be accorded unto by all good Subjects) wee humbly deſire your Honor and Worſhips to tender on our behalfe unto that moſt Honourable Aſſembly of Parliament.

For whoſe happy progreſſe and ſucceſſe we ſhall daily pray.

Trained

Trained-Bands.

Captaine { *Kitely.* *Henry Farr.* *Iohn Ballet.* *Iohn Fleming.* *W. Marsham.* }

Lieutenant. { *Tho. Harper.* *Io. Woodcock.* *Rich. Lawrence.* *Geo. Colwell.* *Tho. Clark.* }

Volunteers.

*Robert Barington*, Captaine. *William Burls*, Lieutenant.

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THe Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, being advertised by the *Lord Lieutenant*, and Deputy *Lieutenants* of the Countie of *Essex*, of their ready, full, and forward meeting of the Trayned-Bands of that County; and of a cheerefull accesse, of a very considerable number of Volunteers, at their first appearing; Have thought fit, to expresse unto them, the good sence they hold of their proceedings, so much conducing to the generall safety of this Kingdome; And having likewise received from them a Declaration full of affections, and good inclinations, to maintaine our Religion, lawes, liberties and priviledges of Parliament; which they observe to be invaided by pernicious counsell, as indeed they have beene of late, in a more dangerous, and high manner then any age can parrallell: And having very prudently observed, in a right understanding, That the Kingdome, and the Kings authority and Person, can be no wayes maintained, but by the upholding the power and priviledge of Parliament: as by the late Protestation they acknowledge themselves bound unto, against all contrary Councels, Power, and force of Arms whatsoever. This just and faithfull resolution of theirs, to the publike good; The Lords and Commons doe not onely approve, but commend, assuring them, that as their endeavours have beene for the peace and happinesse of the King and Kingdome; So they will persist, in discharge of the great and publike trust, which lyes upon them; to goe through all difficulties which may oppose the publike peace and welfare of this Kingdome; And will upon all occasions, be ready to expresse particularly, to those persons, that respect which is due to persons from whom they have received such assurance of their affections and fidelities.

*FINIS.*